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INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

This is responsive to the non-final Office Action dated October 23, 2006. A petition to extend the time for response two months is being submitted herewith. Please consider the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.